

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
LOK SABHA**

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OPENING OF NEW POST OFFICES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have finalized their plan for opening of new post offices in Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise and number-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have conducted any survey regarding the requirement of Post Offices in Punjab; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SH THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) to (d): There is a target for opening five Branch Post Offices in Punjab and Union Territory of Chandigarh during the year 2003-04. Two Branch Post Offices have been opened in the districts of Kapurthala and Sangrur. However, opening of post offices is subject to fulfillment of norms.

Examining the justification of opening of Post Offices, as per needs and demand from the Public, and prioritizing them to the extent of targets allotted is an ongoing process, undertaken annually. Based on the prioritization, during the current year, justification has been found to open three more Branch Offices in Amritsar, Faridkot and Gurdaspur, as per Plan target allotted to Punjab Circle.